



## AFRL Major honored as Outstanding Young American

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Described in his nomination as “the penultimate role model for America’s youth”, Air Force Research Laboratory’s Major Timothy James Lawrence was named as one of the 10 men and women honored by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress of Ten Outstanding Young Americans.

Lawrence, an Air Force Science and Technology Liaison, was recognized at a ceremony in Washington D.C. in January.

Lawrence works at the European Office of Aerospace Research and Development, a program office of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. An acknowledged international astronautic expert; he manages cooperative space research projects for AFOSR with other space nations in Europe.

He was selected based on exceptional achievements in the areas of military service, academic leadership/scientific accomplishments, and academic excellence.

Starting his military career at the Air Force Academy, Lawrence’s successes in the military include Junior Officer of the Quarter, Air Force Achievement award, and Outstanding Astronautics Instructor. At the end of his tour at the Air Force Academy, he was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts in creating a cadet research program that flew space experiments.

His technical expertise includes a USAF and United Kingdom government-sponsored dissertation that led to a first-ever nitrous oxide resistojet thruster flown in space on the spacecraft UoSAT-12. The study went to be honored by the International



**ROLE MODEL** — AFRL Major Timothy Lawrence has been selected as one of 10 Outstanding Young Americans by the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress. Honored, in part, based upon his athletic achievements, Lawrence swam 28 miles of the English Channel in under 15 hours.

Astronautics Federation as the top propulsion research project of 1998.

Lawrence’s athletic highlight was becoming the 613<sup>th</sup> person to swim the English Channel. He completed the 28-mile swim in 14 hours and 59 minutes. Other athletic accomplishments include four marathon runs and two triathlons.

Americans honored as Outstanding Young Americans since 1940 include Presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford and Bill Clinton, Ann Bancroft and Kathryn Sullivan. @